

Cimarron

THE KEY TO THE PACIFIC TRADE

CIMARRON lies at the entrance to the great Taos Pass, the best and **SHORTEST** and **EASIEST** PASS THROUGH THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS. The St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific is part way over the Pass now, and its line to the Pacific Coast, as surveyed, **IS THE BEST, Shortest and Most Direct Line That Can Be Built.** It is well known that there is no coal worth mentioning on the western slope. The Colfax County coal fields lying at the very foot of the Taos Pass, are being developed to supply the Pacific coast market and the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific railroad is being built to afford means of transportation. This coal traffic alone will be tremendous, but not only the coal traffic but the bulk of all the business that New Mexico, Southern Colorado, Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma do with the Pacific slope, will **FOCUS AT CIMARRON**, the entrance to Taos Pass.

WILL HAVE HIGH SCHOOL

High School Course For
Cimarron Approved By
Supt. Fisher.

At the Teachers' Institute held at Raton recently, a most important innovation in the school systems of Colfax county was effected. Heretofore Raton was the only place in the county in which a high school course was or could be taught. The County Superintendent, Mr. C. O. Fisher, conferred with the teachers of the institute and it was finally decided to adopt a regular high school course for the different schools of the county which would be uniform. Schools giving this course will be credited by and other schools or colleges in the Territory and pupils admitted without examination if they hold certificates of work done. The board of the Cimarron schools have long since decided to hold a ninth grade course in the Cimarron schools, and this ninth grade will be changed to the course outlined below, and those taking it will be given high school credits.

FIRST YEAR.

1. Algebra.
2. History—Ancient.
3. Geography—Physical, Civics.
4. Rhetoric and Compositions.

SECOND YEAR.

1. Algebra.
2. History—Medieval and Modern.
3. Latin or German.

THIRD YEAR.

1. Geometry—Plane.
2. Botany and Zoology, ½ term each.
3. Latin or German.
4. Literature—English.

FOURTH YEAR.

1. Geometry—Solid.
2. Physics or Chemistry.
3. Latin or German.
4. Literature.

TOWNS AGAIN THREATENED

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 8.—The Mesaba range is threatened with an outbreak of fire which swept away Chis-

holm Saturday and wiped out thousands of acres of standing timber. After a day of quiet the flames, that died down Sunday, were fanned and are in renewed fury again today and are sweeping on toward Hobbing, Buhl and Nashauk from the south. Snowball, 100 inhabitants, was destroyed yesterday afternoon by a fire that came upon it suddenly. The people had no opportunity to fight the flames and fled in terror. Snowball is about two miles from Nashauk.

Brooklyn, a small suburb of Hibbing, is threatened by fire. Buhl and Nashauk, which were threatened with destruction Saturday are again in danger. The citizens are fighting the flames desperately. Aurora is surrounded by fires and the citizens are fighting them.

Between Nashauk and Hibbing, a region 6 22 miles long, the forest is one continuous front of flames.

WM. RANDOLPH PARDONED.
Trinidad, Colo., Sept. 8, 1908.—William Randolph, who was sentenced from Huerfano county for the term of thirty-five years, for forgery has been pardoned from the penitentiary by Governor Buchtel in the honor of labor day. Randolph was No. 6630 on the prison rolls, and he was sent to Canon City October 1, 1906. Before he committed the crime for which he was convicted Randolph was a prominent attorney and highly respected citizen of Walsenburg. He was a native of West Virginia and is said to have had estate. He has been employed with the road gang at Starkville since last May and is said to have been a model prisoner.

MAY RAID SALOON OF RIVAL TOWN

Mountainair, N. M., Sept. 8.—An Anti-Saloon league was organized here yesterday with the intention of resorting to Carrie Nation methods, it is believed, to prevent the starting of a saloon on a new addition to the Mountainair townsite. W. W. Havens, president of the Anti-Saloon league of Arizona and New Mexico was present at the meeting and is still here.

It is known that the parties starting the rival town are in favor of saloons and have shipped liquor into the town, as well as securing license from the territory. The entire population is up in arms and some heroic deeds are expected should an attempt be made to place the liquor on sale.

M. E. PASTOR TO LEAVE

Rev. J. Alfred Morgan Will
Take Theological Course
at S. W. University.

Rev. J. Alfred Morgan has resigned the pastorate of the Methodist Episcopal church, here in Cimarron, the resignation taking effect last Sunday. Mr. Morgan will, upon leaving Cimarron, go directly to Georgetown, Texas, and there enter the Southwestern University where he will pursue a two years' course in theology. This action on his part does not come as a surprise to his many friends here in Cimarron because he long ago announced it as his intention to take up University work this year, but his resignation is nevertheless greatly regretted by the members of his church, who have always found in the young man a fast friend and fine leader in things religious. Under his pastorate, the little church has made wonderful progress and has taken its rightful place as a potent force in the social and religious life of Cimarron.

Mr. Morgan's successor has not as yet been chosen, and will not be selected until the Conference to be held at Portales, N. M., about the middle of this month.

NEW MEXICO HIGHWAY BECOMES A REALITY

Near the top of Goat hill, within sight of the streets of Raton, is being builded a link in the interstate highway which will make the west the Mecca of the sightseers who annually tour Europe and America in automobiles. The scenic highway projected jointly by New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming, and which it is expected will be connected with a fine highway built by adjoining states, is to be a part of a system of roads which will eventually connect the Atlantic and the Pacific.

which crosses from Canada to the gulf.

Seven miles north of the divide, the Colorado forces are at work moving slowly to the south, and less than seven miles south of the Colorado line a force of territorial convicts are climbing to the apex of Goat hill, and leaving behind them a road sixteen feet in width, with grades never exceeding eight percent. Other forces of men are working at other places, forging the links in the trans-continental chain, which will be along the prettiest and most rugged scenes in the Rockies, than which none is more picturesque and entrancing.

Through New Mexico and Colorado, the scenic highway will follow or parallel the old Santa Fe trail, much of which can not be improved by the arts of man, although when difficult stretches are met, with the pick and shovel, the drill and powder, backed by the skill of the engineer, roads are being constructed which add to the wonderment of the traveler. The mountains and valleys, the mesas and canons, open themselves to view, while with perfect safety, in carriage or automobile or prairie schooner, passengers can comfortably travel places which were formerly safe for but the mountain goats.

With the completion of the link between Trinidad and Raton, only the distance across the national forest reserve will remain uncompleted between Denver and Santa Fe. The work in this territory is being done by convicts, who have been promised as a reward that when the Colorado line is reached they will receive pardons. This means much to J. C. Chavez and J. B. Romero, two men who were sentenced to life imprisonment fourteen years ago, and who have served their time until now without black mark or demerit.

Although working under the sight of a guard armed with guns, these men are held captive only by the intangible tenons of the law. Several will be discharged within a few months, and the topic of liberty is the one which most occupies their conversation, aside from the work.

Just now the site of labor is west of the city and near to the top of the hill placing before the workers a beautiful panorama of Raton and the valley to the east and south—worth seeing as while the city appears smaller in area, the number of houses increases and the threads of railways and trails melt away in the distance and a vista opens that cannot help but please as the traveler gradually ascends. With twistings and turnings, turning often upon itself, the highway is climbing the mountains to the divide, yet so gradual that at no time is the grade tiresome and any vehicle with any power can climb quickly and easily. The removal of trees and rocks is a titian task, but one that is steadily growing toward its finish. Foreman Lopez, who has charge of the work, has had a force of forty men engaged or three weeks, and already the worst three-quarters mile of the ascent to the divide has been accomplished. Another half mile and the powder and drills will be laid away, and plows and axes only be called into requisition.

The task is a great one, but the work is one that is needed, not from an artistic and a material viewpoint. It will make possible communication between points which now might just as well be on opposite sides of the ocean. It will furnish an outlet for the artistic longings of the American wanderers who at present are forced to seek foreign climes for automobile travelings, and mountain seeing. It will stand as a monument to its creators, and prove a lesson for the future. It will help to bring the north closer to the south, to more nearly make the west and the east one.—Raton Range.

C. & S. NO. 4 DITCHED AT MAYNE

Trinidad, Colo., Sept. 8, (Special).—Colorado and Southern passenger train No. 4, due here at 7:30 o'clock was derailed at 6:30 last night at Mayne station, thirty-five miles north of here. The derailment was caused by a defective switch. The front trucks of the engine stayed on the main track while the rear end and the tender and the front trucks of the combination car followed the switch, turning over the tender and derailling the car. Engineer Tom Hinchcliff and Fireman George Neester jumped and were bruised somewhat but not seriously hurt. A number of the passengers were thrown violently from their seats, but no one was injured. The wrecker was sent up from here and the tracks were cleared, the train reaching here at 10:30.

BOY IS HELD CHARGED WITH FORGING CHECK

Fred Duncan, a boy who says that his home is in Oklahoma City, was arrested yesterday for investigation by Officer Bowlden. The lad endeavored to cash a check at the Chicago store to which the name of Frank Stites was forged. The check was for \$9 and was made payable to Joe Smith.

Young Duncan says that he cashed the paper for a man who said he was Joe Smith and had been working for Stites.

MOVE CONVICT CAMP

The road camp on the Colorado State Highway has been moved three miles nearer the New Mexico line for the convenience of the men who are now engaged in working on the south end.

Under the direction of Engineer Danford, the persons who subscribed to the fund for keeping the men at work here, will make a trip over the road. The party will lunch at the camp and the entire day will be spent in looking over the road.

BASE BALL RESULTS

Western League.

At Lincoln: Lincoln 2, Denver 0.
At Sioux City: Sioux City 11, Pueblo 3.
At Omaha: Omaha 12, Des Moines 0.

National League.

At New York: New York 1, Brooklyn 0.
At Pittsburg: Pittsburg 2, St. Louis 0.
At Boston: Boston 4, Philadelphia 6.
At Chicago: Chicago 3, Cincinnati 2.

American League.

At Detroit: Detroit 2, Chicago 5.
At Philadelphia: Philadelphia 6, New York 5.
At Cleveland: Cleveland 0, St. Louis 2.
At Washington: Washington 1, Boston 3.